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Ryan Van Lee played his hometown show as a part of SummerFest in early August in Head Lake Park. /TIM YANO staff photographer

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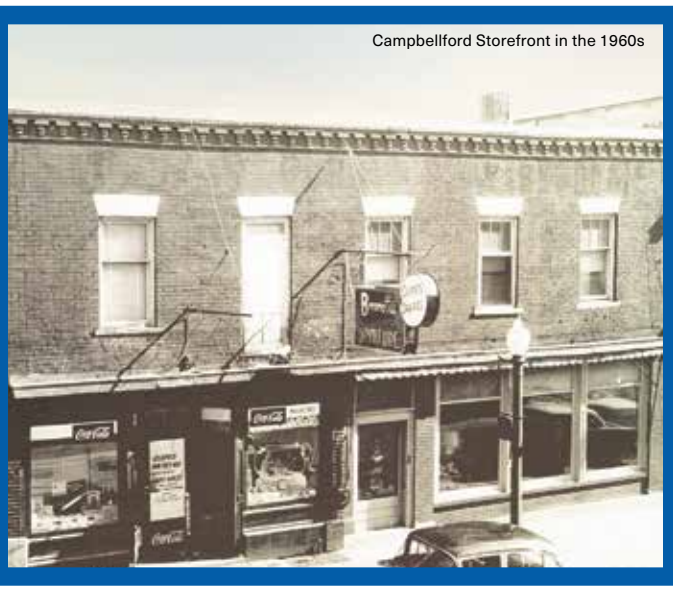

Campbellford Storefront in the 1960s

*Dust Detectives Mystery 6:*

# Berry interesting

POPS ISN'T feeling perfect today. This heat wave hasn't been good for his asthma, so he's taking it easier. Our great-aunt lives upstairs. She moved in with him twelve years ago, around the time we were born. She phoned me this morning to tell us to visit Pops for a shorter time, but to definitely still come. He'd also appreciate a few extra strawberries from our planters. The second something ripens at his place, a starling steals it. He hasn't enjoyed a single red berry.

The woman Pops hired as a farmhand built a hilarious clown scarecrow out of his brightest pyjamas. Birds just perch and squawk from its hat and arms. So she's ordered fake owls on poles to guard his berry patch. Pops loves diced fruit on his morning cereal, and even in little side salads, so Reba and I tuck a small container of fresh-picked strawberries into each of our backpacks before we hop on bikes to visit him today.

**DEB REED**
*Wind in the Attic*

Our route to Pops is never boring. I'm faster up hills than my sister, but there's no more cycling hard since it's summertime. Goodbye alarm clocks, school bells, and packed lunches. The ten-minute distance from our house to his, minus our two long driveways, winds along a fine gravel road. We pass a tiny wetland between woodlots, and then comes Pops' hayfield.

Near the wetland we call *the turtle pond*, there's a gnarly tree with a weathered board nailed sideways to its trunk. Nothing's written on it, but it doesn't take a genius to speculate that it used to be a sign. I take a quick phone pic so it becomes the *detective* part of today's mini-visit with Pops.

He looks fine to me when we arrive. He's sitting with our great-aunt at the kitchen table. She stands quickly for hugs. She'll soon take the truck to town for groceries, so we're told to sit and drink the lemon-mint iced tea she's made especially for us. After we hug Pops and relax into chairs, we catch up a bit. Then I share my photo of the empty sign. Reba starts listing her ideas, and then I add mine:

*I think it might have said NO TRESPASSING because those are family wood lots. Or, NO HUNTING. Some people sneak onto private land for deer. Or maybe it said FRESH EGGS AHEAD?*

I go next: *FOR SALE? LIVESTOCK CROSSING? SLOW DOWN FOR CHILDREN? SECURITY CAMERAS? HUNDRED ACRE WOOD, lol?*

Pops smiles. *Those are grand suggestions! All believable. Actually, I once painted a snapper on that plywood. And a one-word warning: CAREFUL! The colours are all worn off now. I wanted drivers to see that turtles are on the move each May-to-July to lay eggs each side of the road. Most Ontario species are in danger. Every single wetland is important. We keep stealing habitat. Thank goodness for TURTLE GUARDIANS around here, and all other eco-warriors. That's a form of higher love, kids. Of saving grace.*

***AUTHOR'S NOTE***

*Our second read-aloud newspaper series for today's kids investigates and honours the generations before them. Past lifetimes were as meaningful then as our current realities are to us. Kids everywhere are naturally curious, and they love a good historical mystery. Everyone does!*

*Artifacts are not always recognizable to newer generations. In this series, twin detectives (you might recognize them from Series 1), apply their former teacher's learning approach to examine their great-grandfather's antique collection. There's a real photo every time, questions, speculation, informed answers, and hopefully, revived knowledge around what was once very important to our elders. Enjoy!*

# 5,000 visitors turn out for Haliburton art & craft festival

Approximately 5,000 visitors came out for the 63rd annual Haliburton Art & Craft Festival, held July 24 to 26 in Head Lake Park.

Presented by Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, the Festival welcomed 100 artists and artisans for three days of original art, fine craft, food and creative activity.

Among the most gratifying feedback for the organizing team were the many comments about how well curated the Festival was, and the quality and variety of work throughout the park.

"We heard again and again that people appreciated the mix of artists and the quality of the work," says Laurie Jones, Executive Director/Curator of Rails End Gallery. "Even after 63 years, the Festival continues to evolve. We wanted visitors to take delight discovering something they didn't know they were looking for."

The experience extended well beyond the artist booths. The Cottage Games Tent provided a relaxed place for all ages to play, learn new games and spend time together, while the Arts Activity zone brought out the artist in everyone with lanterns, floppy fish, Plein Air painting and colourful community weaving.

TIM YANO staff photographer

Festival food also earned its share of fans. First timers, Sanny's Hotdogs delivered quality, fare from the grill throughout the weekend and SIRCH Bistro & Bakery's scones, fresh lemonade and coffee proved especially popular.

For an event that takes place almost entirely outdoors, the weather was ideal, helping to keep Head Lake Park bustling with activities all three days. Plein Air painters dotted the grass; easels and brushes ready to capture the scene. Buskers serenaded passers-by from shady spots. Paper lanterns and bright streamers danced in the breeze. Volunteers sporting sky-blue T-shirts and sunny smiles added to the positive art fair vibe.

Haliburton Art and Craft Festival is an important annual fundraiser for Rails End Gallery and depends on the contributions of volunteers, community partners and supporters, as well as the artists and artisans whose originality, skill and creativity it celebrates.

Did you take any photos at the Festival? With the help of Haliburton County Tourism Department, Rails End Gallery is collecting photos from the public to document the Festival. Go to www.railsendgallery.com for the upload link.

## Next up: En Plein Air Haliburton

Rails End now turns its attention to En Plein Air Haliburton, an exhibition of paintings created in Haliburton County, now in its third year. The juried exhibition is one of five Culture Days Ontario anchor events in the Haliburton Highlands, part of numerous arts and cultural happenings taking place throughout the region from September 18 to October 4.

Together, Haliburton Art and Craft Festival and En Plein Air Haliburton reflect something Rails End Gallery has been working toward for many years: Creating opportunities for people to experience art, meet artists and take part in creative life themselves.

*About Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre*

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to bringing art to life in Haliburton through exhibitions, programs, events and opportunities for creative engagement.

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**- Haliburton Gymnastics opening**

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# Lesser-known paddle strokes

**STEVE GALEA**
*Beyond 35*

THE OTHER day, after thoughtlessly typing "I want to be paddled" in my Internet search bar, I inadvertently found myself looking at several highly embarrassing images on my laptop's screen.

Worse still, it was at this precise moment that Jenn walked in.

"Oh my God," she said. "Are you looking at a canoe paddling website?"

She had caught me dead to rights, looking at the most humiliating thing a Canadian can be found looking at. That's right, I was on a hard-core basic canoeing instruction website.

I'm not proud of this. After all, we Canucks are practically born with the innate ability to paddle a canoe better than the other person in the boat.

So, naturally, I tried to save face.

"No, you are mistaken," I said. "This is actually an adult website for those who enjoy being spanked with a paddle …"

"Yeah, right," Jenn said. "Then why is that guy doing a perfect J-Stroke?"

I quickly left the room ashamed of my recent life choices.

She was right. I had been looking at a paddling website to confirm something I have been thinking about since the last time I was in a canoe.

You see, on that morning, the day before, it occurred to me that while we Canadians are taught many canoe, prying, drawing, steering, and sculling strokes, there are several lesser-known strokes that the experts do not teach, most of which I am an expert practitioner in.

For instance, I may not have invented the Cooling stroke, but I surely perfected it. In this stroke, which is traditionally done by the person in the stern, the beginning of the forward paddle stroke is also used to lop somewhere around four litres of cold water down the back of the person sitting ahead of you.

I also played no small part in the development of the Outta Here! Canoe Reverse Accelerate Promptly! stroke, known also as the OH! CRAP! stroke. This is one I helped develop after that time we canoed around the bend of a narrow creek and I found myself face to face with an agitated cow moose and her calf. If done correctly, as we did that day, your canoe will change from full speed forward to full speed reverse in the blink of an eye. But I caution you, this is not an easy thing to do while sitting in the lap of the person in the stern seat.

And while much is written about the J-stroke, I have found no reference in the literature to the Hey-Stroke, which is a delicate stroke that can only be practiced from the stern seat. This stroke requires exquisite timing, so that you can seamlessly transform from paddling when your canoeing partner looks back, to not paddling when they turn away.

Another lesser-known stroke is the Gotcha Stroke. This occurs when the stern paddler uses his or her paddle to kill the deer fly that landed on the back of the bow paddler's head. This typically coincides with the person in the front calling out the Hey-Stroke, though no one can determine the correlation for certain.

There are many more lesser-known paddles strokes, but I'm saving them in case I ever decide to write a book entitled *Paddling for Dummies.*

Now you'll have to excuse me. I have an embarrassing browser history to erase.

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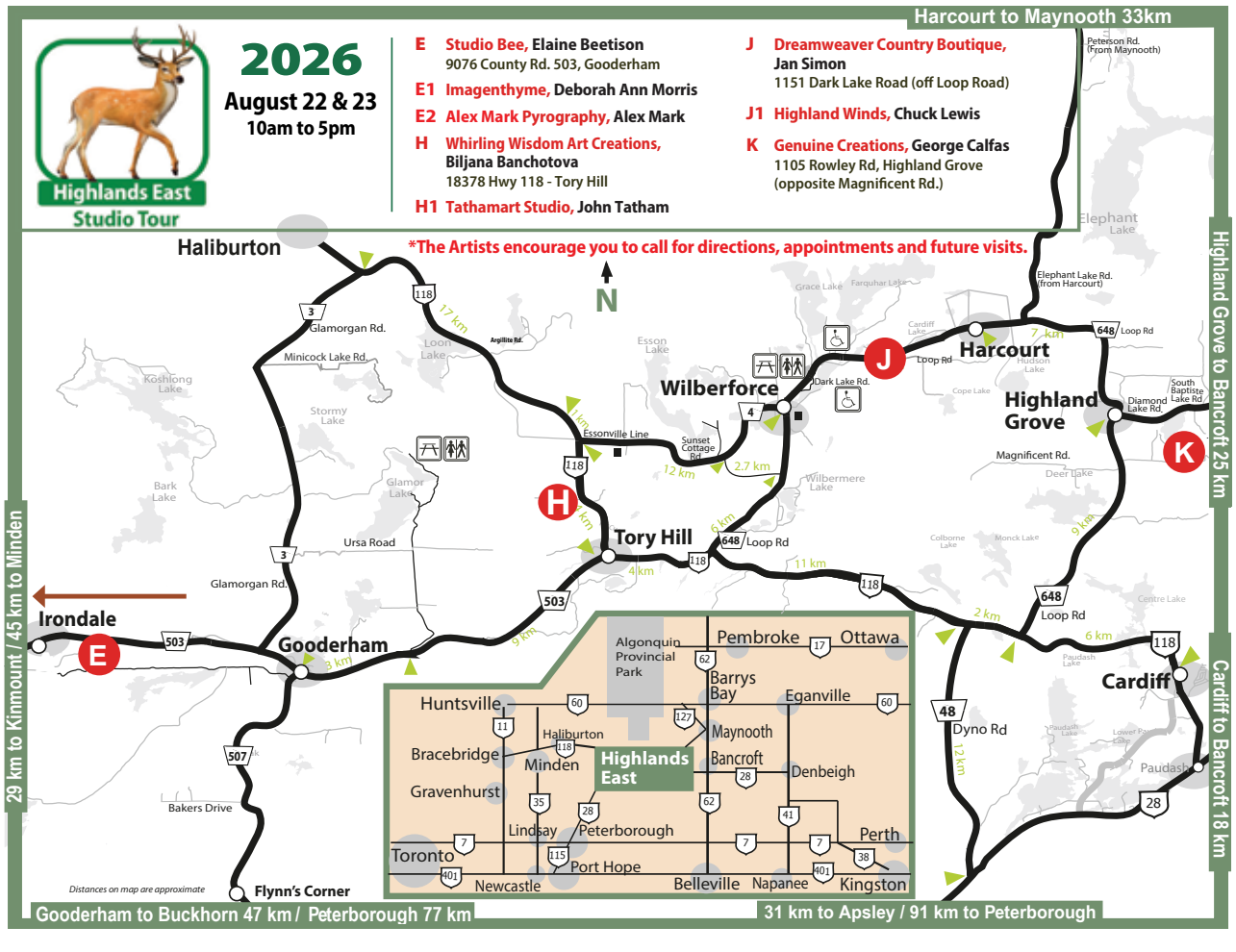

# It's all Greek to me

**BRODY BOLGER**
*County Life* Contributor

Hello everyone, I'm back again to share some stories about the Sculpture Forest! I could talk about each sculpture at length; however, this week I want to talk about something topical. It just so happens that one of the best movies I have seen in the last couple of years, *The Odyssey*, directed by Christopher Nolan, has been a box office hit.

I mention this because as I was walking through the Sculpture Forest for inspiration, thinking about these columns, it came to me that we have sculptures with stories rooted within Greek mythology; one of those pieces is Embracing Eos.

Embracing Eos, crafted by Charles O'Neil in 2004, depicts a 4.5 meter tall man, made out of black steel rods and dark wire, reaching out his arms due east in order to catch the morning sun. This man is not just an avid enjoyer of the sunshine like my mother; no, there is something more mythical afoot.

The real reason this man looks towards the sky every morning is because of the Titan goddess and personification of the dawn, Eos. Eos is the sister of Selene, the personification of the Moon, and Helios, the personification of the Sun. Each morning, Eos rises from her home beside the river Oceanus to open heaven's gates for her brother Helios, crossing the sky in a chariot drawn by radiant horses while bringing dew and morning light to the world.

Since she is the dawn, she has many epithets, such as 'rosy-fingered' and 'early-born'. This is all great; however, like many Greek legends, she interacted with other mythological figures and people of Earth. In one of these interactions, she ended up spending the night with Aries, the God of War and spouse of Aphrodite.

Needless to say, Aphrodite was furious, so with all her anger and spite, she cursed Eos with the burden of falling in love with every mortal man she set her eyes on. Now, at first, you may think that this isn't so bad, but you're forgetting one thing: it's every man. Any man she sees for the rest of her life would be the apple of her eye, no matter the strength of his character or the shape of his mind. She would be in love with every man for all eternity.

So now back to the standing figure within the Sculpture Forest. It is unclear why this man is waiting for the rosy-fingered Titan goddess. It could be because Eos had fallen in love with him and then vanished back into the river Oceanus, or it could be because this man had never found love and was looking for it from the one person who could never reject him. For us, the Sculpture Forest visitors, he is frozen in time, each morning reaching up to embrace the dawn, each evening disappearing into the gloaming.

On the morning of Thursday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m., come meet myself and curator Jim Blake, at the red roofed kiosk in the College parking lot to go on a special Odyssey tour, featuring Greek and other myths of the Sculpture Forest. Aug. 24 to 30 is our Sculpture Forest ALIVE 25 celebration week with special events every day. Check out www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca for the details.

Embracing Eos is hiding in the trees at the Sculpture Forest. /submitted

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# Music as medicine

LAST MONTH, through circumstance, I learned that the Chinese symbol for medicine (yao) contained the Chinese symbol for music because the belief was that the two were too closely tied to do otherwise. The use of medicinal herbs and "targeted" music are important parts of ancient traditions.

In fact, in mythology, music has also been used to defeat enemies and to soothe the victors. A future column will look at music in the military. It has an important role to play.

GREG J. ROE

*Music Notes*

We have, of course, heard of music therapy, so I started to dig for more information. What is the role, if any, of music in Western medicine, that being more rooted in science and conservatism?

As is generally the case, I wound up with much more information than would fit this column. I think we inherently, as individuals, use music to relax, soothe and create moods and feelings. In medicine, music being used to help the ill has been used for thousands of years, but modern medicine is only recently beginning to understand how it works.

Three areas where music is used are healing, birthing and palliative care. As one might expect, its use occurs more in large cities, universities and teaching hospitals but in recent years its use is increasing in rural and more isolated settings.

There have been many studies done. Some research has shown that if you play a piece, like Mozart, at a certain slow beat the listener will adapt their heartbeat to the beat of the music. One study showed that critically ill patients required fewer sedatives when they listened to an hour of Mozart piano sonatas. The patients' heart rate and blood pressure eased with the music.

The harp is a particularly soothing instrument due to its large number of strings and the sympathetic vibrations that affect strings that are not plucked but resonate 'in sympathy'. These vibrations also can positively affect the human body.

Another area where music is essential is 'religion', spirituality, call it what you may. Be it chants, hymns or gospel they are all part of the greater whole. This holds true to belief systems all around the world. On a different note, Elvis only won two Grammies in his career, both for Gospel albums and both are well worth a listen.

One study, in Germany, showed a 50 per cent increase in pituitary growth hormone, which is known to stimulate healing.

A sound therapist I spoke with mentioned that the first sense to develop in the womb and the last to leave at death is hearing. Apparently, babies in the womb hear their mother's voice as a kind of rattling sound. Interestingly, most cultures give, as a child's first toy, a rattle. As well, she mentioned that many alternative healthcare practitioners use music as a "prescriptive." Some doctors recommend listening to joyful music as part of an overall prescription for maintaining good health. In fact, some studies show that listening to your favourite song can cause tissue in your blood vessels to dilate, increasing blood flow.

Drum circles, singing bowls, ukulele and other instrumentations have seen a steady rise in recent years around the county. All have a therapeutic quality attached to them. Time and resource constraints on my part kept me from pursuing it further, but I am sure there may be a reader out there who has some sense of music uses in Haliburton County. If so, I would love to learn more.

To learn more about music as medicine, give a listen to episode 31 of *The Journey Together* which airs on CanoeFM. To find that episode just go to the CanoeFM website and search 'journey'. It is an interview with local guitarist, extraordinaire, Nicholas Russell. Nick has some insights that are sure to strike a chord.

Meanwhile, if you feel a touch of malaise coming on, take a listen to a couple of your favourite tunes and call me in the morning!

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## The butterfly

THE OTHER day, I made a friend.

He was the quiet type. He didn't share much.

Probably because he was dying.

You see, the other day, I found a butterfly. A monarch. Bright wings with bold black dashes. Wings that had just found the air; pried free from the tight enclosure of chrysalis.

It seems like the butterfly had smacked against a car, some point during early flight. I could see the lines where the wings had been snapped, as he lay by himself in a driveway. A splash of colour in a mottled grey world.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*County Life Editor*

I brought him into our office, retrieving him on my way to work. My colleagues assumed he was dead. I did, as well.

But when I had him resting in my palm, I had a tingling feeling that there was still life trapped inside that tiny, broken body.

I mixed some sugar and water together and laid little droplets on my desk while I went to work. I gently placed the butterfly down, and started talking to him.

I talked him through my day, through my process. I casually chatted with him while I checked emails, sorted photos.

And every so often, I would give him a soft shush. Let him know I'm right here. A response that comes both naturally and subconsciously since having a baby.

I knew he likely was broken beyond repair. I Googled how to support him, how to make him comfortable. And it may sound silly, I know most would have tossed him aside, but a part of me felt tethered to him.

Somehow, I felt that his little soul was still inside. That during his final moments, maybe he needed someone to shush him softly, to let him know someone is there. Isn't that what everyone would want?

I once read about something called the Butterfly Effect. A concept stemmed from meteorology professor Edward Lorenz in the 1960s, when he noted that a butterfly flapping its wings in India could change air pressure around the world to eventually cause a tornado in Iowa.

The effect was later discovered and shared on social media, and like anything that enters the vapid waterways of the online world, it went viral.

Many were posting their Butterfly Effect stories. The little thoughts, changes, and processes adopted that inherently bolstered major life changes or developments.

So with that in mind, I couldn't help but wonder what type of effect this little butterfly had on me. He came to me on a production day, when tensions are high and stress often teems over the edges.

But with my new friend, I slowed down. I shifted my energy away from the buzz of work, and focused on creating a world where a soul felt at peace. And as a result, I carried calmness within myself. I slowed down, I became present.

At one point, during a moment of quiet, the little butterfly reached out towards me. His little limbs still moving, proving that he still carried some spark of life inside.

He stayed with me the rest of the day. I nursed him drops of sugar water.

And finally, at the end of the day, I turned him to the window. I felt his little spirit softening. His arms had stopped moving. I let him know I was there.

And then he left. His body at peace, his energy settling into a long sleep.

The other day, I made a friend.

A splash of colour, in a mottled grey world.

## Top 10 thoughts on why different cheeses were invented

I LOVE cheese as much as the next guy. But every now and then I get to thinking about what a strange product it actually is. This got me thinking about why cheeses were invented. Here are the top 10 reasons I came up with.

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

1. The Swiss had just invented the hole and needed to find a product to put them in.
2. Mr. Limburger needed a thing that smelled worse than his socks.
3. Mouse traps were lacking something.
4. A grilled bread sandwich was not particularly appetizing.
5. Someone said, "What else can we possibly put on a hamburger?"
6. Plain old crackers …
7. Up till then the fondue industry was failing.
8. Photographers had no way to trick people into smiling.
9. Someone said, "I bet twenty drachmas you can't find another use for goats!"
10. An inventor said, "You know what? I'd rather separate my curds and whey!"

## Evening

Clot of Sun dripping into the willows that fringe the far edge of the pond,
where the silhouette of a black bird stands in the reeds, its long neck curving like the bend in a River,
its wings flapping as if it's flying through Air, though its spindly legs remain
rooted to the rock on which it stands,
its wing span wider than a goose's, shorter than a heron's, I wonder what kind of bird it could be,
appearing at the pond each evening, to stand among the reeds, as Sun bleeds across Sky, leaving welts behind
and bruising clouds that float over the willows, their branches, silent,
the red-winged blackbirds curling into one another
in their nests to rest, after a day of serenading the pond with their song, frogs croaking in the reeds,
as I stand alongside them on the wooden deck, leaning over the railing, curving my neck like the lone bird
performing its evening ablutions on the opposite end of the pond, I peer down into the puddles of duckweed
flooding this piece of pond, squinting down at the tiny green leaves that feed the turtles and ducks and geese,
a slither beneath the layer of green, the snapping turtle remaining unseen, as its swims beneath the duckweed,
back towards the deck, its head poking out of the water, cloaked in duckweed, the black beads of its eyes
peering up at me through the veil of green leaves that camouflage it, holding my gaze long enough
for me to mumble Hello, before it sinks back under the surface again, my eyes following the slither of water,
as the giant turtle disappears beneath the deck, and I wonder whether this was its last swim of the evening,
sensing the dimming of the light as Sun sinks into the distant hills, painting the horizon beyond the pond,
its glass surface reflecting the deepening green of the willows' branches,
wilting like the husk of day as it curls into dusk,
the silhouette of the bird whose name I don't know, no longer standing among the reeds,
on the far edge of the pond,
the silk of its black wings flapping through Air, around and around, circling the pond three times
before it flies out of sight, over the tops of willows, across a bruised Sky that canopies the flight
of the lone black bird,
the curve of its neck straightening into a long line as it flies, and I wonder whether it maybe came to the pond
to savour a moment of solitude at the end of its day, to feel the balm of breeze
as it strokes its feathers and slinks
through the reeds, listening to the croaking of frogs rumpling the silence of the pond,
a slither, then a swirl, beneath the sea of duckweed, that parts just long enough for me to catch a glimpse
of the giant turtle's tail swaying in the water, heading out for one more swim,
my eyes following the rippling trail
of green, waiting and watching from the deck, for the snapping turtle to raise its head and
drink in the deepening beauty
of its surroundings, before it sinks back under again, like Sun that leaves its imprint behind,
evening smearing its remains across the canvas of Sky.

*Sylvie Kalenda*

# Glimpses of the past

## A different look at the bay

This real photo postcard gives a unique view of Miners' Bay from almost a century ago.

Simply titled, MINER'S BAY GULL LAKE, ONT., and taken from the hill above the Humphrey cottage, it looks east, across the Bay. There is no indication of who made the postcard, and as it is unused, there is no postal date. It appears to be from the early 1930s.

**RUSS WUNKER**
*Glimpses of the Past*

The open area around the cottage has been completely obscured by trees in recent decades. Up until the 1950s there was a large garden and elements of it are visible in this image. Note also the impressive automobile and the elevated water tank sitting behind the cottage. Across the mouth of the bay, Truax point is totally undeveloped. There do not appear to be any cottages on the far shore.

Albert Humphrey founded a Bicycle and Motor Company around the time that this photograph was taken. The Canada Cycle and Motor Company. (CCM), took over the business after WW II, but his firm continued to make sports equipment for another couple decades.

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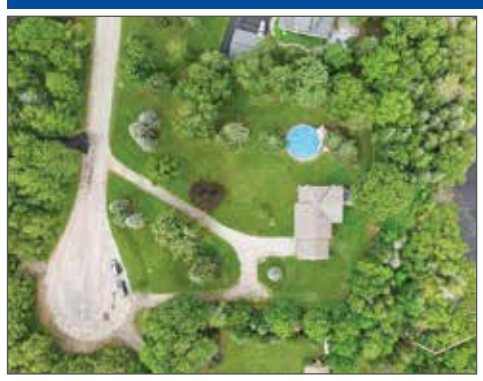

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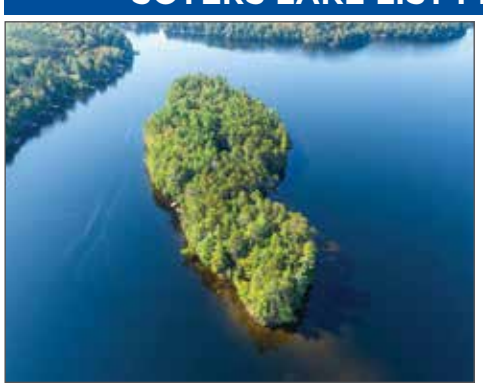

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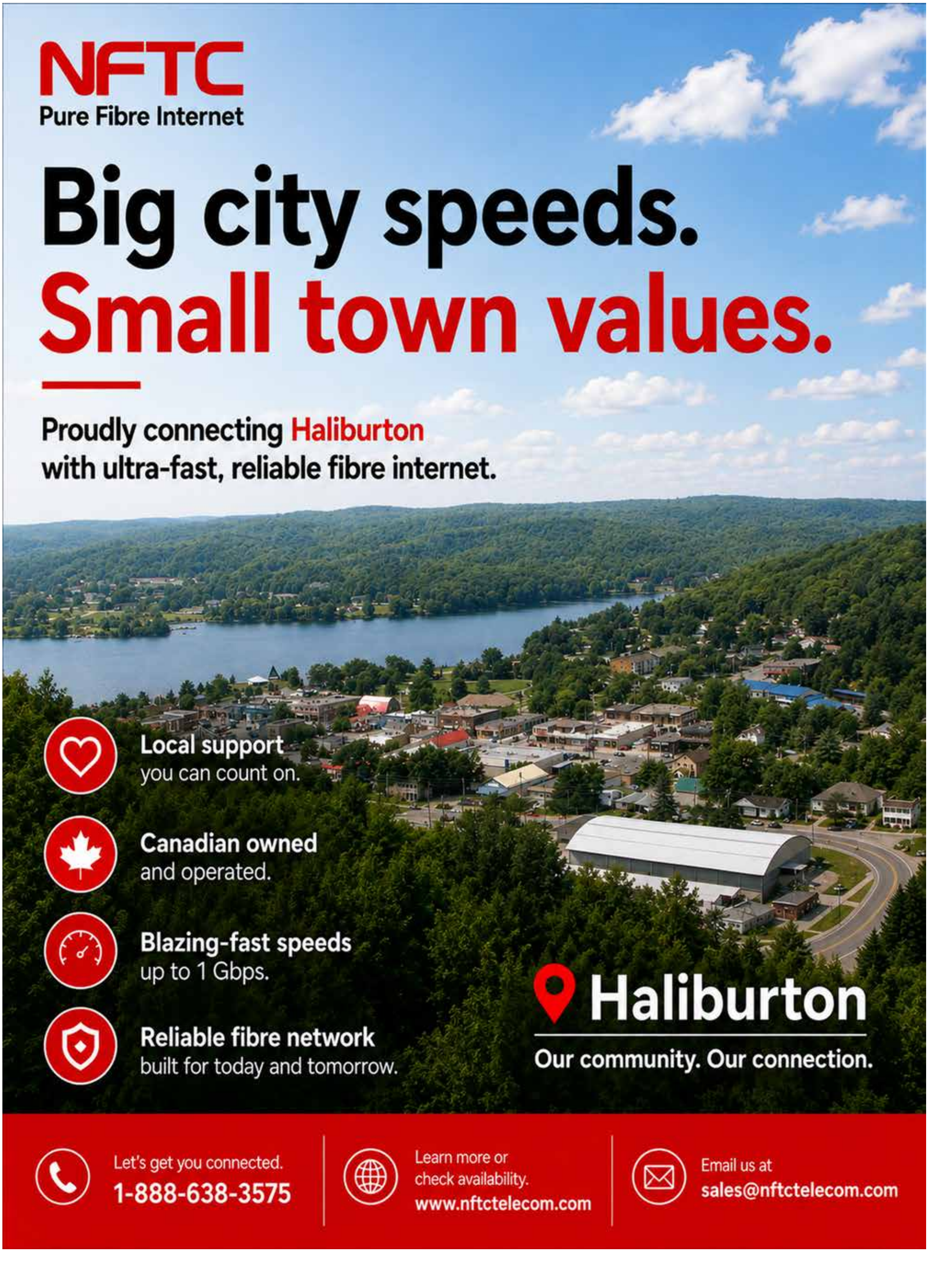

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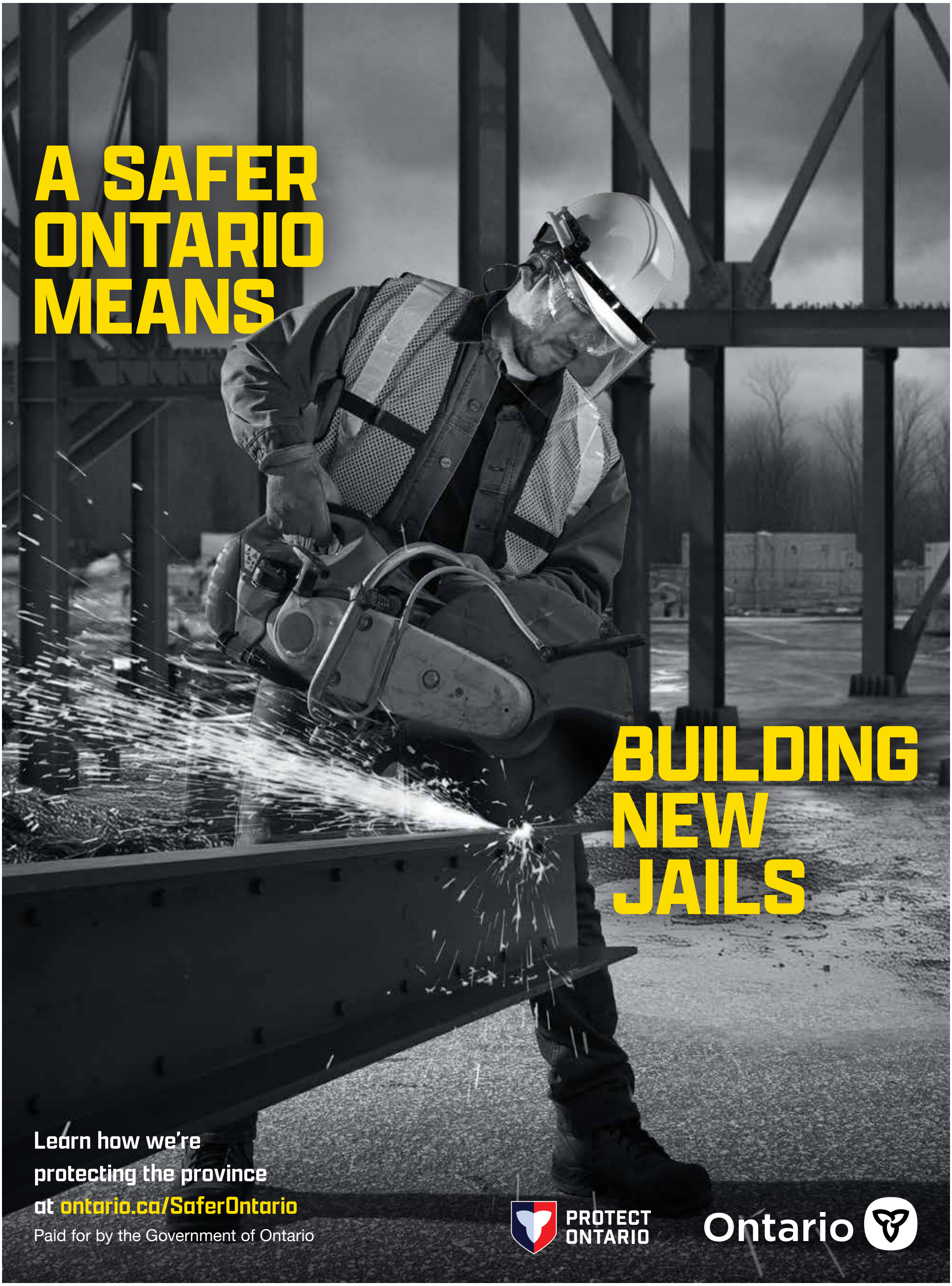
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## Galway-Cavendish question becomes a plebescite

by Jerry Grozelle

The word referendum doesn't sit well with Galway-Cavendish councillor Ken Carson.

Carson said that "a lot of Cavendish residents are upset" over the term referendum as it was used to describe the upcoming vote by municipality residents to determine their feelings about joining with Haliburton County.

Carson explained that a by-law must be passed to call for a referendum vote and that the municipality dealt with the matter by resolution. He pointed out that the results of a referendum would be binding upon the municipality, whereas a plebiscite or survey would not binding.

In addition, Carson noted that some ratepayers who should have received ballots didn't and others who did receive the ballots didn't get the proper information to go with them. He said he received a call from a ratepayer in Vancouver who asked why his wife didn't receive a ballot.

"The Elections Act is pretty clear," Carson said. "We don't want to see a lawsuit over this. People have threatened to take action against the municipality."

Carson made a motion stating: "That the information package forwarded to ratepayers in connection with a question being asked them re: Haliburton and Peterborough Counties be referred to the Township's solicitor for his legal opinion as to whether or not what has been called a 'referendum' meets the test of all applicable laws and in particular Section 4, Subsection (b) of the Municipal Elections Act 1996 as well as the legality of sending ballots to ratepayers on the tax roll rather than the 1997 voters list. All known inaccuracies, such as the township's letterhead of July 31, 1997, addressed to Dear Ratepayer(s) being sent to some ratepayers and only printed on one side, should be brought to the attention of the solicitor."

The call for a seconder was initially greeted by silence. After an uncomfortable pause, reeve Oliver Lloyd seconded the motion to get it on the table.

During the discussion which followed, all members of council agreed that the results of the vote were never intended to be binding, but rather to get a feel for the wishes of the municipality's ratepayers. It was also agreed that the use of the word referendum was unfortunate.

Councillor Jim Boston was not entirely happy with the wording of the motion and he proposed an amendment reading: "Can what has been done to date be considered a plebiscite/survey or opinion of ratepayers and be useful to council in its decisions?"

Carson called for a recorded vote. The motion, as amended, was passed unanimously.

Carson noted that seeking legal advice on the matter could be expensive, but he feared it could be much more expensive if the municipality faced legal action.

"It's a very hot subject," said reeve Lloyd. "People can get excited over this."

Lloyd asked clerk-treasurer Joan McCausland if she knew of any reason to suspect there would be a problem. She noted that she hadn't heard anything.

"We haven't had any calls at the (municipal) office," she said.

Councillor Mary Lou Bales said she didn't believe any ratepayers would sue just because the vote didn't go in their favour. She pointed out that voters don't sue when the candidates for whom they vote are not elected.

"We have to be sure we've got the shoe on the right foot," Lloyd said.

## *Goin' west*

Stephen Wing and daughter Margaret made the trek west with a wheel barrow Saturday morning as they participated in the annual Haliburton County Fall Fair parade. The theme for this year's event was the Wild Wild West. For more photos from the parade see page 6. Additional fair pictures and results will appear in next week's edition.

## Policing costs will be $100 per household in AHM

Municipal policing costs have been presented to Anson, Hindon and Minden. Figures that were promised in March have finally been released. The municipality's share of the policing costs will be $321,477, which translates to about $100 per household. The fiugures were presented at the August 14 meeting of the municipal council.

Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome pointed out that the cost of police services in Sudbury have been estimated at more than five times what they are here. He added that AH&M's policing costs are probably "the cheapest in the province." Rome qualified that statement by noting, "There are a tremendous number of questions to be answered yet."

Reeve Jeanne Anthon added, "I'd like to know what level of policing would be provided for $100 per household?"

At $2-million for the county, councillor Sinc Nesbitt said that county officials should explore the possibility of privatizing police services.

### Roads budget on target

Anson, Hindon and Minden Roads Committee meeting minutes state that all expenditures "appear to be within budget targets." It was noted that the 1997 operating budget

*(more on page 5)*

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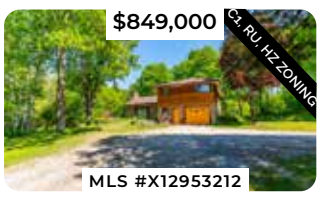
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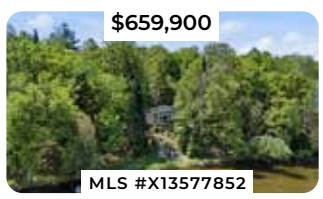
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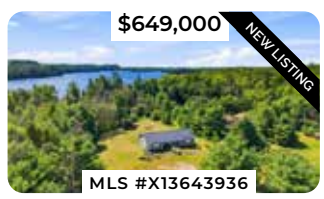
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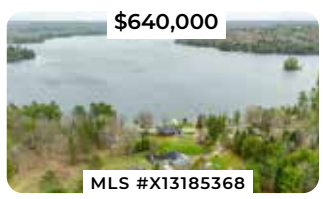
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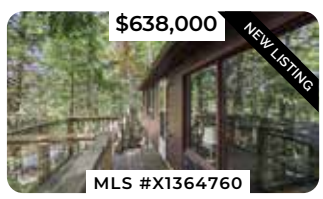
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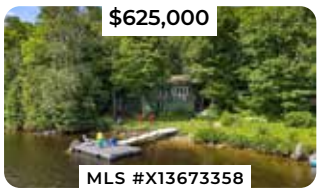
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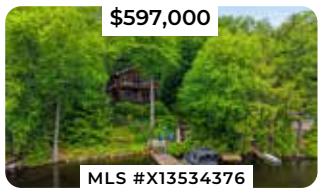
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### WEST SETTLEMENT RD

$555,000
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BED 2 BATH 1

### KUSHOG LAKE, HWY 35

$489,900
MLS #X12604142
BED 3 BATH 2

### ALLEN LAKE

$475,000
MLS #X13495804
BED 3 BATH 1

### MONROCK LAKE

$475,000
MLS #X13177210
BED 3 BATH 1

### ESSON LAKE

Sold NEW LISTING
MLS #X13622254
BED 2 BATH 1

### COUNTY ROAD 503

$430,000
MLS #X13111224
BED 2 BATH 1

### GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

$398,500
MLS #X13122288
BED 2 BATH 1

### PROVIDENCE DR

$395,000
MLS #X13573000
BED 2 BATH 1+1

### WENONA LAKE ROAD

$289,000 NEW PRICE
MLS #X13567494
BED 2 BATH 1

### COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY

MLS #X13444274
3.48 ACRES

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REDSTONE LAKE
**$455,000**
31.19 Acres
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*Adeline Trail*
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18.4 Acres
MLS #X13475286

*Haliburton*
BOUGHNER RD
**$189,900**
5.31 Acres
MLS #X13643636

*Brady Lake Rd*
BRADY LAKE
**$195,000**
0.48 Acres
MLS #X13129990

*Gull River*
DEEP BAY RD
**$235,000**
0.83 Acres
MLS #X13673240

*Eagle Lake*
LISWOOD RD
**$150,000**
0.97 Acres
MLS #X13677826

*Eagle Lake*
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